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## **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 7, 2008, for which a response was due on July 7, 2008, and for which a three-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from July 7, 2008 to October 7, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is also submitted herewith.